

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/723,640

Examiner

FIRMN BACKER

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to October 27th, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 9-15, 21-28, 30-36, 38-41, 43-49, 51-56, 58-65 and 67-70.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel Fitzgerald on September 28, 2006.
3. Cancel claims 17-20.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-7, 9-15, 21-28, 30-36, 38-41, 43-49, 51-56, 58-65 and 67-70 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Applicant disclose a systems and methods that facilitate both customer and fleet manager productivity from selection of particular equipment desired to be leased through delivery are described herein. The system includes a server having a database for storing data relating to an aircraft fleet. The stored data includes specific information relating to aircraft in the fleet, as well as terms of existing leases for those aircraft in the fleet then currently leased. The system is accessible to the customer via a network such as a wide

area network, e.g., an extranet accessible via the internet, so that the customer can query the database and identify aircraft that meet specific mission requirements. Applicant invention is novel and innovative in the sense that, it matches the customer provided information with the aircraft information stored within the database by applying predetermined search rules including a first rule wherein only aircraft selected as being available by the lessor are returned by a search if the exact match is not available for a specified delivery date matches in nearest available months are displayed, a second rule wherein for each aircraft viewable by the customer at least one of a country and region may be identified into which that aircraft may not be leased, a third rule wherein for each aircraft a tax based restriction may be specified the tax based restriction includes a geographical region, a fourth rule wherein aircraft engines are retrieved based on a minimum engine thrust amount and a fifth rule wherein aircraft are retrieved based on an aircraft weight. Joseph, (*US PG Pub No. 2001/0034690*) the closest prior art teach a method for facilitating transfer of automobile leases involves providing a website which displays a menu giving a visitor an option of either creating a record including details of the visitor and of a leased automobile whose lease the visitor intends to assign, or viewing a list of records, each record including a description of a leased automobile and an owner thereof. If the visitor intends to create a record, the visitor is directed to a page at the website where the visitor can input information pertaining to a leased automobile and information to enable another visitor to the website to contact the visitor. The record created by the visitor is stored in a database. If the visitor intends to view a record or records, the visitor is directed to a page at the website where the visitor can view at least

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one record of a leased automobile. Joseph fails to teach the invention as disclosed by the Applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

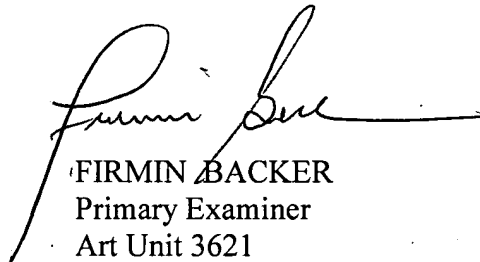
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FIRMIN BACKER whose telephone number is 571-272-6703. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (571) 272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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